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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Written Ex Parte Communication, In the Matter of Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As part of the review being undertaken in the above-reference proceeding, the Commission is considering whether, and to what extent, competitors still need access to the ILEC's LIDB and CNAM databases, even where the competitor uses its own switch to provide service.¹ The fact is that, even when AT&T uses its own switch, AT&T continues to need access to both the LIDB and the CNAM databases to provide the full array of services demanded by our customers.

As to the LIDB database, AT&T Operator Services platform must query the calling party's LIDB provider for any third-party billed calls. The LEC LIDB database is also queried when a LEC customer calls an AT&T customer with a calling name service. These needs are discussed in more detail in WCOM's petition to clarify that the LIDB database will be available to support both local and interexchange calling, which has been incorporated into this proceeding. *See also* AT&T's Reply Comments at 366.

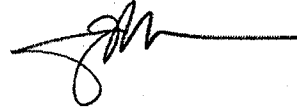
As to the CNAM database, the fact is that there is no comparable database of equivalent quality and price, as explained in AT&T's Reply Comments at 366. Indeed, in the *UNE Remand Order*, the Commission determined that incumbent LECs are the only

¹ Given the way that incumbent LEC networks are designed, requesting carriers that use ILEC unbundled switching must use ILEC signaling (including SS7) and databases. AT&T Reply Comments at 365.

providers of CNAM information and that access to CNAM data is necessary because a majority of calls to CLEC customers originate from the incumbents. (See attached signaling flow chart that better illustrates this point).

Consistent with Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,

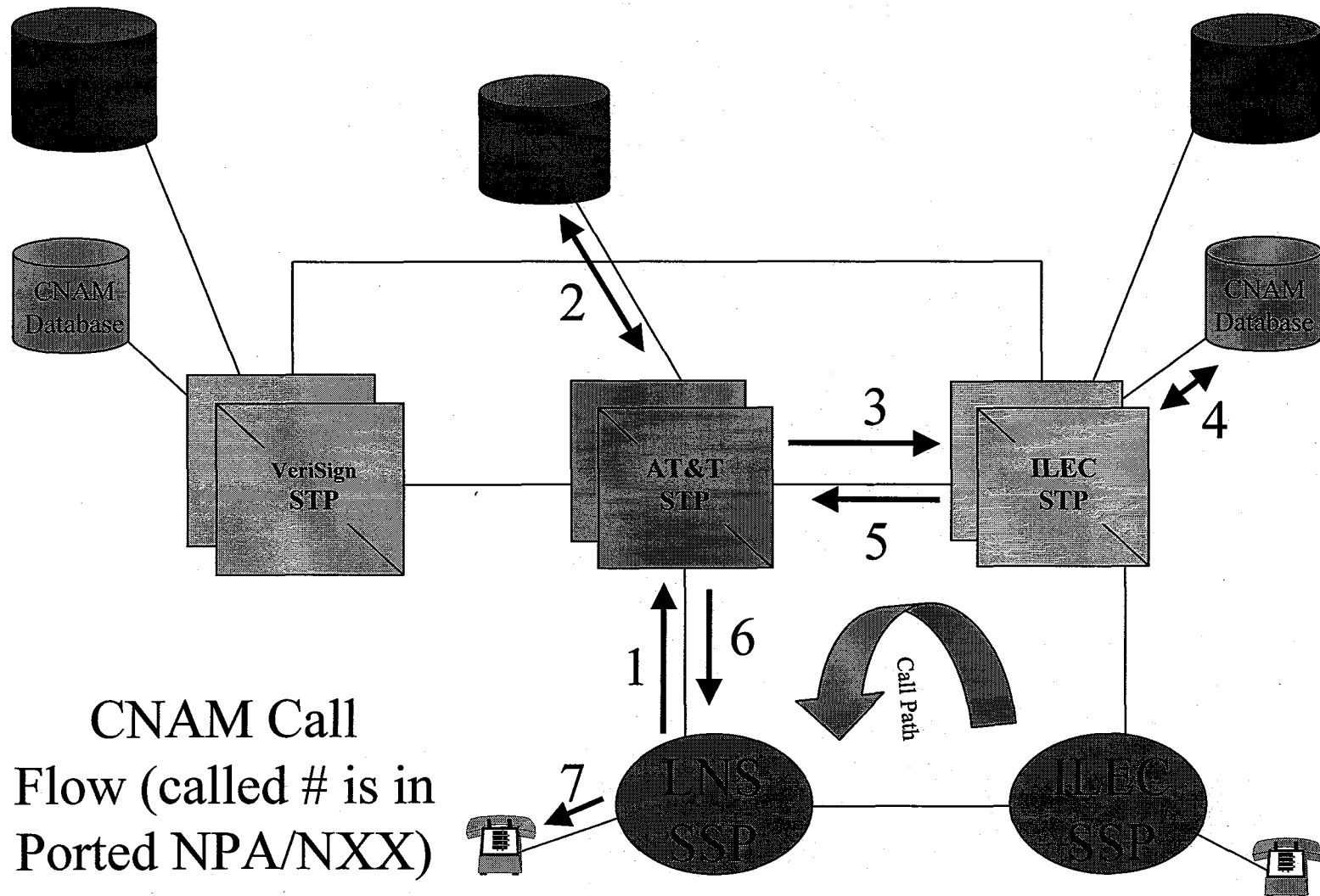
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cc: Thomas Navin
Jeremy Miller



Calling Name: LEC Customer call LNS



CNAM Call
Flow (called # is in
Ported NPA/NXX)



Calling Name: LEC Customer call LNS

1. A LEC customer calls an LNS customer who subscribes to Calling Name service. The LNS end office formulates the initial query and sends it to its home AT&T 2STP.
2. The home AT&T 2STP performs an Intermediate Global Title look up to determine which industry database to query for the caller's name information.
3. The AT&T 2STP then routes the message to the LEC gateway, possibly through another 2STP pair.
4. The LEC gateway STP performs message screening on the CNAM query, and routes through its network to the CNAM database.
5. The LEC routes the CNAM response back to the AT&T network.
6. AT&T routes the CNAM response through the AT&T network back to the LNS end office that had originated the query.
7. The calling party name is displayed on the LNS subscriber's telephone equipment between the first and second ring.